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SUBJECT: Chargeability Review Committee Decision

Case No.: 2015-M-11-[REDACTED]

Deceased: [REDACTED]

Date of Incident: May 22, 2015

Date of Death: May 22, 2015

Operator: Specialty Granules Inc.

Mine: Specialty Granules Inc.-
Annapolis Quarry

Contractor: BDC

Decision: Not chargeable

In a unanimous decision, the Chargeability Review Committee has determined that the death of [REDACTED] should not be charged to the mining industry. Mr. [REDACTED], a 47-year old contract service technician, was inspecting the dryer kiln burner when he told a coworker that he was feeling ill. He sat down on the burner floor and then collapsed. CPR was initiated, but Mr. [REDACTED] was declared dead at the mine site.

The death certificate indicates that the manner of death was natural and the cause of death was an acute myocardial infarction due to coronary artery disease. No autopsy was performed. Mr. [REDACTED] had a history of prior myocardial infarctions and had stents in his coronary arteries. MSHA's investigation did not reveal any physical or environmental factors that could have contributed to Mr. [REDACTED]'s death.

Based on these findings, the Committee concludes that Mr. [REDACTED]'s death was due to natural causes and should not be charged to the mining industry.

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